Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The American Lutheran Church of De Smet, South Dakota, is actually the congregational and spiritual synthesis of three church families: The St. Petri, the St. Paul, and the St. Matthew; and,

WHEREAS, The St. Petri (first called the Lake Thompson Evangelical Lutheran Church) was organized in 1882, held worship services in members' homes or in the Johnson School, and paid its pastor an annual salary of $55; and,

WHEREAS, The St. Paul congregation, which enlisted the aid of the St. Petri church in building the original white frame church building decided to unite with the St. Petri to form the American Lutheran Church, E. L. C., of De Smet; and,

WHEREAS, In 1949, after two years of worship together, the St. Matthew congregation, which took an active part in many of the church's activities, decided their one hundred members would also join the American Lutheran Church; and,

WHEREAS, Despite a lightning bolt that gutted the church in April of 1969, much faith and hard work had the church rebuilt within a year of the tragedy; and,

WHEREAS, One Hundred years later, the American Lutheran Church of De Smet stands as one congregation, united in body, and in spirit of love for one another and for our Creator:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 5 and 6, 1982, as

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in South Dakota, and join with the members and friends of the Church in celebrating a sacred century of service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

William J. Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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